

**Memorandum on Transfer of  
Defense Articles and Services in  
Support of the Southern Sudan  
Security Sector Reform (SSR)  
Program**

*April 25, 2007*

Presidential Determination No. 2007-17

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Transfer of Defense Articles and  
Services in Support of the Southern Sudan  
Security Sector Reform (SSR) Program

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 40(g) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) and section 301 of title 25, United States Code, I hereby:

- Determine and certify that the transaction, encompassing U.S. Government-funded transfers and commercial exports of defense articles and services necessary for an SSR program for the security sector of the Government of Southern Sudan, including support for: transformation of the Sudan People's Liberation Army from a guerrilla force into a smaller, conventional force; the Sudan People's Liberation Movement; a protective service detail, police service, intelligence, and other law enforcement entities of the Government of Southern Sudan; and private entities involved in the SSR program, is essential to the national security interests of the United States;
- Waive the prohibitions in section 40 of the AECA related to such a transaction; and
- Assign to you the functions of the President under section 40(g)(2) of the AECA to consult with and submit reports to the Congress for proposed specific transfers or exports, 15 days prior to permitting them to proceed, that are necessary for and within the scope of this waiver determination and the transaction referred to herein.

You are authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and ar-

range for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 2.

**Remarks Following Discussions With  
President Alvaro Uribe Velez of  
Colombia**

*May 2, 2007*

**President Bush.** It's been my honor to welcome a true democrat, a strong leader, and a friend, the President of Colombia. We had a long discussion.

First, Mr. President, Laura and I remember fondly our trip to your beautiful country. It was my second trip to Colombia, my first to your capital, and it was a very special occasion. And we thank you and the First Lady for such gracious hospitality.

Secondly, we had a discussion today about an important vote that our Congress must take, and that is a vote to confirm a free trade agreement with Colombia. This agreement is good for the United States. It's good for job creators, farmers, workers. This agreement is good for Colombia. It's good for job creators and workers and farmers.

This agreement has strategic implications. It is very important for this Nation to stand with democracies that protect human rights and human dignity, democracies based upon the rule of law. So the free trade agreement with Colombia and Peru and Panama, these agreements are more than just trade votes; they're signals to South America that we stand with nations that are willing to make hard decisions on behalf of the people.

The President is here to speak strongly about his record, and it's a good, solid record. I thank the Members of Congress for giving him a hearing. We expect them to be open-minded, to listen to his record. And I urge the Congress to pass a trade agreement with Colombia and Peru and Panama because it's in our interest that they do so.

And so, Mr. President, it's great to see you. *Bienvenidos.*

**President Uribe.** *Muchas gracias, Presidente.*